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IN EDITORIALS ON APOLLO-SOYUZ, TWO DAILIES COMMENT AS FOLLOWS:

THE BULLETIN (CONSERVATIVE) OF JULY 14 (EVENING), UNDER HEADING
"HISTORIC MEETING" COMMENTS:

"TOMORROW'S EVENT... WILL LEAD TO THE FIRST MEETING IN SPACE BETWEEN
THE TWO NATIONS THAT HAVE DOMINATED THE SPACE ERA. THE HOPES THAT
ARISE FROM THIS EPIC ARE NOT ONLY THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME THE
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE ASTRONAUTS "UP THERE" WILL BE UNIQUE BUT
THAT THE SAME WILL APPLY "DOWN HERE" ON EARTH, WHERE THOUSANDS WILL
BE INVOLVED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY IN THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THIS
SUPERB MISSION.

...THE RUBBING OF SHOULDERS BETWEEN THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
TWO POWERS AT THE TIME OF THE LAUNCHING WILL FORM PART OF PROTOCOL.
THE TANGIBLE RESULT OF UNDERSTANDING MUST HAVE DEEPER ROOTS.

HOWEVER, HATS OFF TO THE ASTRONAUTS IN THEIR LATEST ENDEAVOUR".

TIMES OF MALTA (CONSERVATIVE) OF JULY 15, UNDER HEADING
"HISTORIC SPACE MEETING" COMMENTS:

"THREE AMERICAN AND TWO SOVIET ASTRONAUTS TODAY BLAST OFF ON A
UNIQUE SPACE MISSION. THE JOINT ORBITAL FLIGHT WILL BE MADE BY
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BRIGADIER GENERAL THOMAS STAFFORD, VANCE BRAND AND DONALD 'DEKE'

SLAYTON, AND THEIR TWO SOVIET COLLEAGUES COSMONAUTS COLONEL ALEXEI LEONOV AND VALERI KUBASOV.

THE BLAST-OFF AT 7.15 PM (GMT) IN AMERICA AND 12.20 PM IN RUSSIA SETS THE SCENE FOR A HISTORIC MEETING AND LINK-UP ON THURSDAY. THE NINE-DAY APOLLO-SOYUZ TEST PROJECT MISSION (ASTP) WILL BE THE FIRST TIME THAT MEN FROM TWO NATIONS HAVE MET IN SPACE TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE BENEFIT OF MANKIND.

THE U.S. APOLLO IS TO DOCK WITH THE RUSSIAN SOYUZ AND THE TWO ARE TO FLY AS ONE SPACECRAFT. FOR THE RUSSIANS, THE MISSION WILL REPRESENT A RECOVERY FROM A LONG SERIES OF SPACE SETBACKS WHILE THE AMERICANS WON THE RACE TO PUT A MAN ON THE MOON. BUT THE HISTORIC HAND-SHAKE IN SPACE NEXT THURSDAY WILL SET THE SEAL FOR MORE AMBITIOUS SPACE PROJECTS BETWEEN THE TWO SUPER-POWERS.

EAST-WEST SPACE COOPERATION, WHICH CULMINATES IN THE JOINT AMERICAN-RUSSIAN FLIGHT TODAY, HAS COME ABOUT AFTER TOP-LEVEL TALKS AIMED AT FORGING A SPACE DETENTE TO CHANGE SCIENTIFIC RESULTS FROM SPACE MISSIONS. COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS IN PREPARATION FOR THIS MISSION HAS BEEN UNPRECEDENTED. INDEED WHAT ALL HOPE WILL BE ACHIEVED IN SPACE THIS WEEK IS VERY MUCH MORE THAN A TECHNICAL FEAT. IT WILL BE A SYMBOL OF RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND SOVIET RUSSIA AS A MAJOR STEP TOWARDS WORLD PEACE". BIRN

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